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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6983

BILL NUMBER: SB 276

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voter Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Rogers

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires public and accredited nonpublic high schools to: (1) provide a three-hour session to Grade 12 students concerning voting; and (2) provide voter registration forms to graduating students and students who leave school without graduating who are at least 18 years of age.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary:* Local high schools could be able to provide twelfth-grade students with the required session in a convocation-type setting in their auditoriums. It is likely schools could accomplish the session within their existing convocation schedule, or could change their classroom schedule to accommodate the session with minimal interference of classes.

Local election boards would be required to assist schools with the required sessions. Depending on scheduling, the local boards should be able to carry out this provision within existing resources.

Background: There are approximately 400 public high schools. There were approximately 63,274 public and 5,453 private twelfth-grade students enrolled in school year 2004-2005.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools; County election boards.

Information Sources: DOE SAS and ORACLE DATABASES.

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